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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 08 September 2000 (08.09.00)				
Applicant's or agent's file reference P199901527 WO	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION			
International application No. PCT/DK99/00637	International filing date (day/month/year) 19 November 1999 (19.11.99)			
1. The following indications appeared on record concerning: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the inventor <input type="checkbox"/> the agent <input type="checkbox"/> the common representative				
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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference P199901527 WO
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION A method for the distribution and transfer of communication and multimedia signals, as well as a signal distribution arrangement for the transfer of the communication and multimedia signals

Box No. II APPLICANT

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 Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.**Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE**

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

 agent common representative

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.		
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 20.11.1998	PA 1998 01530	DK Denmark		
item (2)				
item (3)				

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as item(s):

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, it is mandatory to indicate in the Supplemental Box at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)). See Supplemental Box.

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):	Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority): Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)		
ISA / SE	20.11.1998	DK98/00204	DK Denmark

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

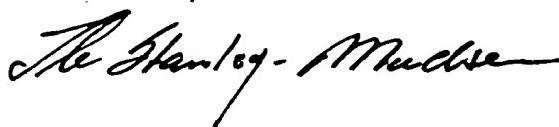
This international application contains the following number of sheets:	This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:		
request : 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet		
description (excluding sequence listing part) : 5	<input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney		
claims : 3	<input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:		
abstract : 1	<input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature		
drawings : 2	<input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):		
sequence listing part of description :	<input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (language):		
	<input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material		
	<input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form		
Total number of sheets : 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify): DK/00204		

Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: 6 Language of filing of the international application: Danish

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:	RO/DK 19 NOVEMBER 1999 (19.11.1999)	2. Drawings:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:		<input type="checkbox"/> received:
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5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA / SE	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid.	

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(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

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- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
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<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
20 Nove 1998 (20.11.98)	PA 1998 01530	DK	18 Febr 2000 (18.02.00)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
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(PCT Rule 61.3)

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International filing date (day/month/year)
19 November 1999 (19.11.99)

Priority date (day/month/year)
20 November 1998 (20.11.98)

Applicant
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1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

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2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

EA : AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM

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3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P199901527 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/DK99/00637	International filing date (day/month/year) 19.11.1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 20.11.1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC7 H04M 11/08		
Applicant LK A/S et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 8 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 16.06.2000	Date of completion of this report 21.02.2000
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/SE Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 S-102 42 STOCKHOLM Facsimile No. 08-667 72 88	Authorized officer Stefan Hansson/j.s Telephone No. 08-782 25 00

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/DK99/00637

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 5-6 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages 1-4a _____, filed with the letter of 15.01.2001

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages 1-3 _____, filed with the letter of 15.01.2001

 the drawings:

pages 1-2 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention

The claimed invention relates to a method for the distribution and transfer of communication and multimedia signals. In a method and a signal distribution arrangement for use in private dwellings or offices, communication and multimedia signals are distributed by means of a connection arrangement that is connected to a plurality of terminals in the rooms of the dwelling or the office. The individual terminals are preferably identical and may be connected between the terminals and the consuming apparatus via a cable with a plug at each end that is adapted to the terminals and a consuming apparatus, respectively. The signal distribution arrangement includes a plurality of signal processing circuits that have wire connections that may be connected to a patch panel, each of which is either connected to the terminals or is prepared to be connected to the new terminals. Hereby, the power distribution may be adapted to the needs of the individual user in a simple manner at any given occasion without requiring expensive installation changes, as the various signal types may be converted from one signal type to another signal type either in the signal processing circuit or after the terminals.

The claims have been amended.

The following documents have been cited in the International Search Report

- D1: US 4690491 A
- D2: US 5515037 A
- D3: US 5781728 A
- D4: EP 833425 A2
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D1 relates to building a data transmission system. D1 describes how fiber optic cables may be used in data transmission networks with the same flexibility as copper wire networks. D1 describes the use of floor junction boxes, terminal boxes, distribution frames and path cores in fiber optic networks. The work station terminals utilized in the system may be any data generating or receiving type equipment. Such terminals may be for example computers, printers, office equipment, telex equipment, industrial machinery, security systems etc. Since most data terminals are not inherently compatible with fiber optic cables, they must be attached to the cable through conventional adapters which converts their external output and input signals. Optic fiber cables connect the junction box ports to floor terminal boxes which serve a number of junction boxes. Usually one terminal box serves a floor of a building. The floor terminal boxes provide the cross communication between work station data terminals and/or central processing equipment. By cross connecting at the floor terminal box, work stations can be connected to each other or any other piece of equipment in the system. Different ports from the work station data terminals can be connected to different destinations at the floor terminal box. D1 also describes how the optic fiber cable is connected to communicate with other another cable through a patch cord. From the main terminal box the output cable goes to the main distributing frame. This frame is a larger scale terminal box and has a large number of cables terminating on its rear side. All work stations and equipment which is connected to the frame can be connected to any other workstation or piece of equipment in the building through the attachment of a patch cord to the appropriate nonadhesive connectors upon which the cables terminate.

However, the claimed invention differs from D1 in several aspects. D1 relates to a closed network where every data unit in the building can be in contact with any data unit within the same building. The claimed invention in the other hand distributes signals coming from the outside the building, said signals being of entirely different types, via a distribution installation and such that e.g. a television signal can be transmitted to those exact places within the building where a television set is to be installed.

Documents D2-D5 are considered to merely disclose the state of the art and are not commented on further.

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The claimed invention differs substantially from the cited references. Consequently, the claimed invention is considered to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to have industrial applicability.

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Amended pages:

A method for the distribution and transfer of communication and multimedia signals, as well as a signal distribution system for the transfer of the communication and multimedia signals

The invention relates to a method for the distribution and transfer of external communication and multimedia signals, preferably in private dwellings and offices with one or more rooms, wherein the distribution is provided via a central unit connected to a plurality of signal terminals from which the signals may be transferred to receiving installation equipment, and wherein the external signals comprise signals of several different types.

The invention moreover relates to a signal distribution system for the distribution and transfer of external communication and multimedia signals, preferably in private dwellings and offices with one or more rooms, said system comprising a central unit which is adapted to receive the external signals and to distribute these via a data transmission installation to a plurality of terminals in the individual rooms.

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Usually, various electrical terminals are installed in private dwellings and offices for ordinary power supply for lighting, refrigerators, etc. In addition, separate terminals for radio and TV signals as well as separate terminals for telephone signals are provided. In offices in particular, there are moreover often terminals for data connections, which may also be installed via a modem to a telephone connection.

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With several separate connections, many different terminals are required of course. In practice, terminals for radio, TV, data and telephone, however, have typically just been installed in one, perhaps 2 rooms. The number 5 of this type of terminals must be expected to increase strongly in the dwellings of the future, so that all types of terminals, even in several specimens, are desired in several rooms, which will mean a very comprehensive diversified installation.

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Main distribution frames for internal rerouting of identical type signals is generally known from e.g. US 4,690,491. The invention, however, relates to the distribution of several types of external signals via a data 15 transmission installation which would normally not allow propagation of all the signal types which it is desired to distribute.

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Accordingly, an object of the invention is to provide a method and a signal distribution system which are more flexible than before in terms of distributing a plurality of different and external signals via a common distribution network in a building.

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The object of the invention is achieved by a method of the type stated in the introductory portion of claim 1 which is characterized in that at least one of the signals is converted such that all signals distributed by the transmission belong to a group of signal types, all 30 of which can be transferred effectively via a data main distribution frame and via a transmission installation common to all signals which connects the main distribution frame with said terminals, and that the converted signals are converted back to their original types before

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the signals are transferred to said installation equipment.

- By hereby combining conversion circuits and a main distribution frame it is simple to adapt every terminal to an individual need, and all signal are propagated effectively, because of the conversion, externally and to an arbitrary terminal.
- 5 When all the terminals are identical, and plugged cable connections are inserted between the individual terminals and the consuming installation equipment, said plugged cable connections being adapted to the terminals and the consuming installation equipment, the flexibility is enhanced additionally since the number of terminals in a dwelling or an office can be reduced in future.
- 10 When separate circuits are inserted in the central unit for the conversion and transfer of data signals, radio/TV signals, telephony in the form of electrical or optical communication signals, it is ensured that all the feed units to routing installations are positioned centrally, which additionally means that it is easier to change signal type in the individual terminals for other applications.
- 15 The signal distribution system according to the invention is characterized in that the central unit comprises a plurality of signal adaptation circuits and comprises a patch panel which is connected to the signal adaptation circuit via patch cables, and which is connected to the terminals via the data transmission installation.

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Such an arrangement, of course, provides the advantages which are already mentioned above.

To ensure user-friendliness and flexibility, it is an advantage that the circuits contain conversion circuits for the conversion of one signal type to another signal type, and that conversion circuits for back conversion of signals are connected or inserted in the cables between the receiving installation equipment and the terminals, respectively.

With a view to an additionally simple installation structure it is an advantage if the signal distribution system is mounted on a DIN rail, which is preferably countersunk.

The invention will now be explained more fully with reference to an embodiment shown in the drawing, in which figs. 1 and 2 schematically show two rooms with terminals,

fig. 3 shows a signal distribution arrangement according to the invention,

figs. 4 and 5 show the rooms according to figs. 1 and 2 with different installations, and

fig. 6 shows an example of the electrical coupling of the signal distribution arrangement of fig. 3.

Figs. 1 and 2 schematically show two rooms with terminals 1-8. The terminals might e.g. be telephone terminals, data connection terminals, radio/TV terminals and the

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like, depending on the installations desired by a user. Normally, the terminals are provided as fixed installations, each terminal being intended for a task of its own.

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Fig. 3 shows a connection arrangement 27 which is adapted for use by implementation of the principles of the invention. The board is provided with electrical adaptation circuits A - D and connection points (patch panel) 1 - 23 10 for communication signals, whose function will be explained in connection with figs. 4 - 6 below.

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1. A method for the distribution and transfer of external communication and multimedia signals, preferably in private dwellings and offices with one or more rooms, wherein the distribution is provided via a central unit connected to a plurality of signal terminals from which the signals may be transferred to receiving installation equipment, and wherein the external signals comprise signals of several different types, characterised in that at least one of the signals is converted such that all signals distributed by the transmission belong to a group of signal types, all of which can be transferred effectively via a data main distribution frame and via a transmission installation common to all signals which connects the main distribution frame with said terminals, and that the converted signals are converted back to their original types before the signals are transferred to said installation equipment.

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2. A method according to claim 1, characterised in that patch cables are used for the signal distribution between a plurality of conversion units and a patch panel in the main distribution frame.

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3. A method according to claims 1-2, characterised in that signal conversion and main distribution frame connections are performed by means of components which are mounted centrally on a DIN rail, preferably a countersunk DIN rail.

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4. A method according to claims 1-3, characterised in that identical terminals are used, and that plugged cable connections are inserted between the indi-

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vidual terminals and the consuming installation equipment, said plugged cable connections being adapted at each end to the terminals and the consuming installation equipment.

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5. A method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that separate circuits are inserted in the central unit for the conversion and transfer of data signals, radio/TV signals, or telephony in the form of
10 electrical or optical communication signals.

6. A signal distribution system for the distribution and transfer of external communication and multimedia signals, preferably in private dwellings and offices with
15 one or more rooms, said system comprising a central unit which is adapted to receive the external signals and to distribute these via a data transmission installation to a plurality of terminals in the individual rooms,
characterized in that the central unit comprises a combination of at least one signal adaptation circuit and a patch panel, which is connected to the terminals via the data transmission installation, said signal adaptation circuit being adapted to convert a received signal such that the propagation of the signal
20 through the data transmission installation is improved.
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7. A signal distribution system according to claim 6,
characterized in that the terminals connected to the patch panel are preferably identical, and
30 that the equipment connected to the terminals is connected to the terminals with a cable having plug connections adapted to the terminals and the installation.

8. A signal distribution system according to claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the circuits are adapted to transfer electrical or optical data, radio/TV or telephone signals.

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9. A signal distribution system according to claims 4-6, characterized in that the signal adaptation circuits contain conversion circuits for the conversion of one signal type to another signal type.

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10. A signal distribution system according to claims 7 and 9, characterized in that conversion circuits for back conversion of one signal type to another signal type are connected or inserted in the cables.

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11. A signal distribution system according to claim 6, characterized in that the signal adaptation circuit and the patch panel are mounted on a DIN rail, which is preferably recessed.

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